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## Rep. Harkins Announces Open Space Preservation Award for Stratford



State Representative John Harkins, R-Stratford, today announced the State of Connecticut has awarded the Town of Stratford \$18,000 for the purchase of 1.98 acres abutting Roosevelt Forest. The award ensures the property is preserved as open space.

The acquisition will provide additional acreage to the forest. The property itself is a forested, landlocked parcel with abutting wetlands.

"This grant not only not only preserves open space in Stratford but helps protect Roosevelt Forest, which is a town jewel," said Representative Harkins, who, as a long-time advocate of preserving open space, formed the Roosevelt Forest Commission. "I'm grateful for Governor Rell's support of preserving open space in Stratford and throughout Connecticut."